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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**AND MAILING OF NEW OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the patent application claims as amended in a Preliminary Amendment mailed on November 21, 2002. Applicants further request withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action mailed April 10, 2003 and mailing of a new Office Action on the merits. The Preliminary Amendment was mailed without a Certificate of Mailing, but was received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office mail room on November 26, 2002 as evidenced by the USPTO stamp on the return postcard, a copy of which is included in this transmission. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and Transmittal Letter are included in this facsimile transmission since these items were missing from the Examiner's file wrapper for this application.

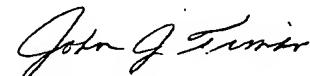
Applicant's request that the outstanding Office Action be withdrawn is predicated on the basis that it was improperly mailed and failed to consider the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants further request that a new Office Action based on the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment be mailed with a corresponding resetting of the shortened statutory period for response.

Applicants are also submitting a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) by facsimile. Based on a phone conference with Examiner Cosimano on April 29, 2003, the U.S. patents and patent publications cited are not being provided along with the IDS. However, the three foreign patent references are being provided by facsimile for the convenience of the Examiner. It is believed that no fees are due for filing of the IDS, since the outstanding Office Action was improperly mailed. Should any fees be due, please charge deposit account number 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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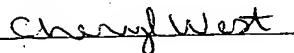


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